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**"AN ACT IMPLEMENTING PROVISIONS OF THE BUDGET
CONCERNING GENERAL GOVERNMENT."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 9-705 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2012, and*
5 *applicable to primaries and elections held on or after said date*):

6 (a) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
7 for the office of Governor who has a primary for nomination to said
8 office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the Citizens' Election
9 Fund for the primary campaign in the amount of one million two
10 hundred fifty thousand dollars, provided, in the case of a primary held
11 in [2014] 2018, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under
12 subsection (d) of this section.

13 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of
14 Governor who has been nominated, or who has qualified to appear on
15 the election ballot in accordance with the provisions of subpart C of
16 part III of chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund
17 for the general election campaign in the amount of six million dollars,
18 provided in the case of an election held in [2014] 2018, or thereafter,
19 said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this section.

20 (b) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
21 for the office of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State
22 Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer who has a
23 primary for nomination to said office shall be eligible to receive a grant
24 from the fund for the primary campaign in the amount of three
25 hundred seventy-five thousand dollars, provided, in the case of a
26 primary held in [2014] 2018, or thereafter, said amount shall be
27 adjusted under subsection (d) of this section.

28 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of
29 Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State
30 Treasurer who has been nominated, or who has qualified to appear on
31 the election ballot in accordance with the provisions of subpart C of
32 part III of chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund
33 for the general election campaign in the amount of seven hundred fifty
34 thousand dollars, provided in the case of an election held in [2014]
35 2018, or thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (d)
36 of this section.

37 (c) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of
38 this section, the qualified candidate committee of an eligible minor
39 party candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
40 Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State
41 Treasurer shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the
42 general election campaign if the candidate of the same minor party for
43 the same office at the last preceding regular election received at least
44 ten per cent of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for
45 said office at said election. The amount of the grant shall be one-third

46 of the amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection
47 (a) or (b) of this section for a candidate for the same office, provided
48 (A) if the candidate of the same minor party for the same office at the
49 last preceding regular election received at least fifteen per cent of the
50 whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said
51 election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the amount of
52 the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this
53 section for a candidate for the same office, (B) if the candidate of the
54 same minor party for the same office at the last preceding regular
55 election received at least twenty per cent of the whole number of votes
56 cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the amount of the
57 grant shall be the same as the amount of the general election campaign
58 grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a candidate for the
59 same office, and (C) in the case of an election held in [2014] 2018, or
60 thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (d) of this
61 section.

62 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this
63 section, the qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning
64 party candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
65 Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State
66 Treasurer shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the
67 general election campaign if said candidate's nominating petition has
68 been signed by a number of qualified electors equal to at least ten per
69 cent of the whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last
70 preceding regular election. The amount of the grant shall be one-third
71 of the amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection
72 (a) or (b) of this section for a candidate for the same office, provided
73 (A) if said candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a
74 number of qualified electors equal to at least fifteen per cent of the
75 whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding
76 regular election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the
77 amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (a) or
78 (b) of this section for a candidate for the same office, (B) if said
79 candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a number of

80 qualified electors equal to at least twenty per cent of the whole number
81 of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding regular election,
82 the amount of the grant shall be the same as the amount of the general
83 election campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a
84 candidate for the same office, and (C) in the case of an election held in
85 [2014] 2018, or thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under
86 subsection (d) of this section.

87 (3) In addition to the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this
88 subsection, the qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning
89 party candidate and the qualified candidate committee of an eligible
90 minor party candidate for the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
91 Attorney General, State Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State
92 Treasurer shall be eligible to receive a supplemental grant from the
93 fund after the general election if the treasurer of such candidate
94 committee reports a deficit in the first statement filed after the general
95 election, pursuant to section 9-608, as amended by this act, and such
96 candidate received a greater percentage of the whole number of votes
97 cast for all candidates for said office at said election than the
98 percentage of votes utilized by such candidate to obtain a general
99 election campaign grant described in subdivision (1) or (2) of this
100 subsection. The amount of such supplemental grant shall be calculated
101 as follows:

102 (A) In the case of any such candidate who receives more than ten
103 per cent, but not more than fifteen per cent, of the whole number of
104 votes cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the grant
105 shall be the product of (i) a fraction in which the numerator is the
106 difference between the percentage of such whole number of votes
107 received by such candidate and ten per cent and the denominator is
108 ten, and (ii) two-thirds of the amount of the general election campaign
109 grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a major party
110 candidate for the same office.

111 (B) In the case of any such candidate who receives more than fifteen
112 per cent, but less than twenty per cent, of the whole number of votes

113 cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the grant shall be
114 the product of (i) a fraction in which the numerator is the difference
115 between the percentage of such whole number of votes received by
116 such candidate and fifteen per cent and the denominator is five, and
117 (ii) one-third of the amount of the general election campaign grant
118 under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a major party candidate
119 for the same office.

120 (C) The sum of the general election campaign grant received by any
121 such candidate and a supplemental grant under this subdivision shall
122 not exceed one hundred per cent of the amount of the general election
123 campaign grant under subsection (a) or (b) of this section for a major
124 party candidate for the same office.

125 (d) For elections held in ~~[2014]~~ 2018, and thereafter, the amount of
126 the grants in subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this section shall be adjusted
127 by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January
128 15, ~~[2014]~~ 2018, and quadrennially thereafter, in accordance with any
129 change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as
130 published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
131 Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1, ~~[2010]~~ 2014, and
132 ending on December thirty-first in the year preceding the year in
133 which said adjustment is to be made.

134 (e) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
135 for the office of state senator who has a primary for nomination to said
136 office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the primary
137 campaign in the amount of thirty-five thousand dollars, provided (A)
138 if the percentage of the electors in the district served by said office who
139 are enrolled in said major party exceeds the percentage of the electors
140 in said district who are enrolled in another major party by at least
141 twenty percentage points, the amount of said grant shall be seventy-
142 five thousand dollars, and (B) in the case of a primary held in ~~[2010]~~
143 2014, or thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (h)
144 of this section. For the purposes of subparagraph (A) of this
145 subdivision, the number of enrolled members of a major party and the

146 number of electors in a district shall be determined by the latest
147 enrollment and voter registration records in the office of the Secretary
148 of the State submitted in accordance with the provisions of section 9-
149 65. The names of electors on the inactive registry list compiled under
150 section 9-35 shall not be counted for such purposes.

151 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of
152 state senator who has been nominated, or has qualified to appear on
153 the election ballot in accordance with subpart C of part III of chapter
154 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general
155 election campaign in the amount of eighty-five thousand dollars,
156 provided in the case of an election held in [2010] 2014, or thereafter,
157 said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this section.

158 (f) (1) The qualified candidate committee of a major party candidate
159 for the office of state representative who has a primary for nomination
160 to said office shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the
161 primary campaign in the amount of ten thousand dollars, provided (A)
162 if the percentage of the electors in the district served by said office who
163 are enrolled in said major party exceeds the percentage of the electors
164 in said district who are enrolled in another major party by at least
165 twenty percentage points, the amount of said grant shall be twenty-
166 five thousand dollars, and (B) in the case of a primary held in [2010]
167 2014, or thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (h)
168 of this section. For the purposes of subparagraph (A) of this
169 subdivision, the number of enrolled members of a major party and the
170 number of electors in a district shall be determined by the latest
171 enrollment and voter registration records in the office of the Secretary
172 of the State submitted in accordance with the provisions of section 9-
173 65. The names of electors on the inactive registry list compiled under
174 section 9-35 shall not be counted for such purposes.

175 (2) The qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of
176 state representative who has been nominated, or has qualified to
177 appear on the election ballot in accordance with subpart C of part III of
178 chapter 153, shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the

179 general election campaign in the amount of twenty-five thousand
180 dollars, provided in the case of an election held in [2010] 2014, or
181 thereafter, said amount shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this
182 section.

183 (g) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (e) and (f) of
184 this section, the qualified candidate committee of an eligible minor
185 party candidate for the office of state senator or state representative
186 shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general
187 election campaign if the candidate of the same minor party for the
188 same office at the last preceding regular election received at least ten
189 per cent of the whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said
190 office at said election. The amount of the grant shall be one-third of the
191 amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or
192 (f) of this section for a candidate for the same office, provided (A) if the
193 candidate of the same minor party for the same office at the last
194 preceding regular election received at least fifteen per cent of the
195 whole number of votes cast for all candidates for said office at said
196 election, the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the amount of
197 the general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this
198 section for a candidate for the same office, (B) if the candidate of the
199 same minor party for the same office at the last preceding regular
200 election received at least twenty per cent of the whole number of votes
201 cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the amount of the
202 grant shall be the same as the amount of the general election campaign
203 grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this section for a candidate for the
204 same office, and (C) in the case of an election held in [2010] 2014, or
205 thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this
206 section.

207 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (e) and (f) of this
208 section, the qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning
209 party candidate for the office of state senator or state representative
210 shall be eligible to receive a grant from the fund for the general
211 election campaign if said candidate's nominating petition has been
212 signed by a number of qualified electors equal to at least ten per cent of

213 the whole number of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding
214 regular election. The amount of the grant shall be one-third of the
215 amount of the general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or
216 (f) of this section for a candidate for the same office, provided (A) if
217 said candidate's nominating petition has been signed by a number of
218 qualified electors equal to at least fifteen per cent of the whole number
219 of votes cast for the same office at the last preceding regular election,
220 the amount of the grant shall be two-thirds of the amount of the
221 general election campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this
222 section for a candidate for the same office, (B) if said candidate's
223 nominating petition has been signed by a number of qualified electors
224 equal to at least twenty per cent of the whole number of votes cast for
225 the same office at the last preceding regular election, the amount of the
226 grant shall be the same as the amount of the general election campaign
227 grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this section for a candidate for the
228 same office, and (C) in the case of an election held in [2010] 2014, or
229 thereafter, said amounts shall be adjusted under subsection (h) of this
230 section.

231 (3) In addition to the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of this
232 subsection, the qualified candidate committee of an eligible petitioning
233 party candidate and the qualified candidate committee of an eligible
234 minor party candidate for the office of state senator or state
235 representative shall be eligible to receive a supplemental grant from
236 the fund after the general election if the treasurer of such candidate
237 committee reports a deficit in the first statement filed after the general
238 election, pursuant to section 9-608, as amended by this act, and such
239 candidate received a greater percentage of the whole number of votes
240 cast for all candidates for said office at said election than the
241 percentage of votes utilized by such candidate to obtain a general
242 election campaign grant described in subdivision (1) or (2) of this
243 subsection. The amount of such supplemental grant shall be calculated
244 as follows:

245 (A) In the case of any such candidate who receives more than ten
246 per cent, but less than fifteen per cent, of the whole number of votes

247 cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the grant shall be
248 the product of (i) a fraction in which the numerator is the difference
249 between the percentage of such whole number of votes received by
250 such candidate and ten per cent and the denominator is ten, and (ii)
251 two-thirds of the amount of the general election campaign grant under
252 subsection (e) or (f) of this section for a major party candidate for the
253 same office.

254 (B) In the case of any such candidate who receives more than fifteen
255 per cent, but less than twenty per cent, of the whole number of votes
256 cast for all candidates for said office at said election, the grant shall be
257 the product of (i) a fraction in which the numerator is the difference
258 between the percentage of such whole number of votes received by
259 such candidate and fifteen per cent and the denominator is five, and
260 (ii) one-third of the amount of the general election campaign grant
261 under subsection (e) or (f) of this section for a major party candidate
262 for the same office.

263 (C) The sum of the general election campaign grant received by any
264 such candidate and a supplemental grant under this subdivision shall
265 not exceed one hundred per cent of the amount of the general election
266 campaign grant under subsection (e) or (f) of this section for a major
267 party candidate for the same office.

268 (h) For elections held in [2010] 2014, and thereafter, the amount of
269 the grants in subsections (e), (f) and (g) of this section shall be adjusted
270 by the State Elections Enforcement Commission not later than January
271 15, [2010] 2014, and biennially thereafter, in accordance with any
272 change in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as
273 published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
274 Statistics, during the period beginning on January 1, [2008] 2012, and
275 ending on December thirty-first in the year preceding the year in
276 which said adjustment is to be made.

277 (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (e), (f) and (g) of
278 this section, in the case of a special election for the office of state

279 senator or state representative, the amount of the grant for a general
280 election campaign shall be seventy-five per cent of the amount
281 authorized under the applicable [said] subsection (e), (f) or (g) of this
282 section.

283 (j) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (i), inclusive,
284 of this section:

285 (1) The initial grant that a qualified candidate committee for a
286 candidate is eligible to receive under subsections (a) to (i), inclusive, of
287 this section shall be reduced by the amount of any personal funds that
288 the candidate provides for the candidate's campaign for nomination or
289 election pursuant to subsection (c) of section 9-710;

290 (2) If a participating candidate is nominated at a primary and does
291 not expend the entire grant for the primary campaign authorized
292 under subsection (a), (b), (e) or (f) of this section, the amount of the
293 grant for the general election campaign shall be reduced by the total
294 amount of any such unexpended primary campaign grant and
295 moneys;

296 (3) If a participating candidate who is nominated for election does
297 not have any opponent in the general election campaign, the amount
298 of the general election campaign grant for which the qualified
299 candidate committee for said candidate shall be eligible shall be thirty
300 per cent of the applicable amount set forth in subsections (a) to (i),
301 inclusive, of this section. For purposes of this subdivision, a
302 participating candidate shall be deemed to have an opponent if (A) a
303 major party has properly endorsed any other candidate and made the
304 requisite filing with the Secretary of the State within the time specified
305 in section 9-391 or 9-400, as applicable, (B) any candidate of any other
306 major party has received not less than fifteen per cent of the vote of
307 convention delegates and has complied with the filing requirements
308 set forth in section 9-400, or (C) any candidate of any other major party
309 has circulated a petition and obtained the required number of
310 signatures for filing a candidacy for nomination and has either

311 qualified for the primary or been deemed the party's nominee;

312 (4) If the only opponent or opponents of a participating candidate
313 who is nominated for election to an office are eligible minor party
314 candidates or eligible petitioning party candidates and no such eligible
315 minor party candidate's or eligible petitioning party candidate's
316 candidate committee has received a total amount of contributions of
317 any type that is equal to or greater than the amount of the qualifying
318 contributions that a candidate for such office is required to receive
319 under section 9-704, as amended by this act, to be eligible for grants
320 from the Citizens' Election Fund, the amount of the general election
321 campaign grant for such participating candidate shall be sixty per cent
322 of the applicable amount set forth in this section; and

323 (5) The amount of the primary grant or general election campaign
324 grant for a qualified candidate committee shall be reduced, pursuant to
325 the provisions of this subdivision, if such candidate committee has
326 control and custody over lawn signs from any prior election or
327 primary in the following applicable amount: (A) Five hundred or more
328 lawn signs for the qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the
329 office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State
330 Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer, (B) one hundred
331 or more lawn signs for the qualified candidate committee of a
332 candidate for the office of state senator, or (C) fifty or more lawn signs
333 for the qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the office of
334 state representative. If such qualified candidate committee has custody
335 and control over lawn signs in the applicable amount, as described in
336 this subdivision, the grant from the fund for the primary campaign or
337 general election campaign, as applicable, for such qualified candidate
338 committee shall be reduced as follows: (i) Two thousand five hundred
339 dollars for the qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the
340 office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State
341 Comptroller, Secretary of the State or State Treasurer, (ii) five hundred
342 dollars for the qualified candidate committee of a candidate for the
343 office of state senator, or (iii) two hundred fifty dollars for the qualified
344 candidate committee of a candidate for the office of state

345 representative. In no event shall such a reduction be made both to a
346 qualified candidate committee's primary campaign grant and to such
347 candidate committee's general election grant. No reduction in either
348 the primary campaign or general election campaign for a qualified
349 candidate committee's grant shall be taken for any lawn sign that is not
350 in the custody or control of the qualified candidate committee.
351 Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to apply to any item
352 other than lawn signs."